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(57) Abstract: Ingredients and methods of using ingredients to produce dairy based food products. The ingredients may include milk protein concentrate, fat containing powders and other compounds including sweetening agents, flavours, preservatives, salts and emulsifiers. Food products that can be made according to the invention include yoghurt, cheese, cheese spreads, sweet spreads, nutrition bars, cream cheese, dairy desserts and sour cream.

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The scope of claims 1, 2, 40 and 41 are unduly broad and speculative. A meaningful and economically feasible search could not encompass the complete subject matter of the claims. Claims 1 and 40 refer to a method of preparing a dry pre-mix that comprises combining at least two of the three groups of ingredients listed, the last of these comprises 16 different types of ingredients of which there may be more than one alternative for. This results in a large number of combinations. Therefore the full scope of these claims have not been searched.

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